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In re application of \* Group Art Unit 3738  
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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop: RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Office Action dated August 18,  
2006, please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 Of this paper.